

Jab and Gab Newsletter



Pink Book Training Highlights by Joanna Briggs, RN, Clinical Quality/Compliance Coordinator

The CDC hosted a Pink Book training in Estes Park, Colorado on July 13-14, 2010. Wyoming had a great turnout, with 22 attendees. Below are some of the selected highlights from the conference.

Pink Book 12 Edition. The 12th edition of the Pink Book has not been published yet. Go to the CDC web site for the chapters that have already been updated.

Hep B Birth Dose. An infant receiving Hep B at birth, under 4.4 lbs/2,000 gms and/or pre-term should receive 4 doses of the Hep B vaccine. The mother's antibodies will interfere with the child's antibody production from the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Varicella. Varicella containing products must

stay under -15°C. In the event of a cold chain break, if the vaccine stays below the 8°C range the vaccine is viable for up to 72 hours as long as it is not reconstituted and not returned to the freezer.

HPV in males. Without further study and review, the manufacturer cannot market additional benefits other than prevention of warts caused by strains 6 and 11. The WyIR will not forecast HPV for males for this reason.

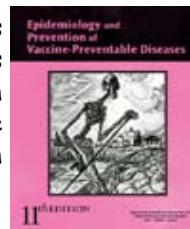
IPV. The CDC./MMWR published in August of 2009, regarding the last dose of IPV, states that the last dose should be given after 4 years of age and should be given 6 calendar months from the prior dose. There are no medical concerns with a child

receiving 5 doses of IPV.

Prefilled syringes must be used within 30 minutes. Of placing the needle on the syringe, the seal is broken. There is no preservative and subject to bacterial growth.

Combination Vaccines. The 2009 recommendation is that combination vaccines are generally preferred (except in the case of MMR-V).

New Kinrix off label recommendation by the CDC. Kinrix can follow any type of DTaP vaccination. Kinrix should only be administered between 4-6 years of age and is licensed as the 5th DTaP dose and 4th IPV dose.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Wyoming has been selected as one of the two states to host the "Pink Book" Training in 2011. The training will be held in Jackson Hole, WY on July 19-20, 2011.

More information about the training will be available in the near future.



Those Attending the Pink Book Training Included: Cedar Hills Clinic, Tri-County Medical, UW Family Practice, Cheyenne City-County PHN, Carbon Co PHN, Platte Co PHN, Western Medical Center, Cheyenne Children's Clinic, UW Student Health, Family Medical Care, Cheyenne Health and Wellness Center, Hi Performance Medicine. Dr. Larry Meuli from the Wyoming Vaccine Advisory Board and some of the Wyoming immunization staff.



Sharp Shooter Award By Kathy Gaines, BA, Compliance Specialist

The most recent recipient of the Immunization Section's Sharp Shooter award is Evanston Pediatrics, which is owned and operated by Catherine DePalma, M.D. The office demonstrated significant improvement in their immunization coverage levels from April 2009 to April 2010.

During the April 2009 site visit conducted by Kathy Gaines, Quality & Compliance Specialist for the Immunization Section, Dr. DePalma's immunization rate for 24-35 month old children was reported at 46%. In April 2010, Dr. DePalma's immunization coverage level for 24-35 month old children was 71%.

Dr. DePalma stated, "I attribute our

improvements in immunization coverage levels to using the Reminder Recall function from the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR). As part of our patient follow-up, we implemented the use of the Reminder Recall in April 2009 and use it every 3 months. It's a quick and easy to use tool that assists us in ensuring our patients are immunized."

In addition to the amazing improvements in immunization coverage levels, Evanston Pediatrics reported no vaccine wastage and no invalid doses for the period April 2009-2010.

Congratulations to Dr. DePalma and her staff for their outstanding achievement! In recognition of their achievement, Evanston Pediatrics received a "Sharp Shooter" trophy and \$250 in American Express gift cards.



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— Catherine DePalma, MD,
Evanston Pediatrics

Immunization Exemptions By Kathy Strang, Vaccine Exemption Specialist

There are two kinds of immunization exemptions in Wyoming—religious and medical. In order for an immunization exemption request to be considered, the specific exemption form needs to be completed in full and signed in the presence of a notary public and by the parent or guardian for each child.

Medical Exemptions. If a medical exemption request is being submitted, it must be accompanied by written evidence signed by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O. only), explaining the reason for the medical exemption. The statement should identify the child, date of birth, and list the vaccines to be exempted. The supporting documentation must be written on the physician's formal letterhead or prescription pad.

Religious Exemptions. Religious

exemption requests, although they do not need a statement of support, must be complete and notarized.

Granting Exemptions. Only the County Health Officer or the State Health Officer may grant or deny an immunization exemption request. After the exemption form has been processed, a letter will be sent to the parent or guardian with the determination on the exemption request along with the original signed exemption form for their records.

A copy will be provided to the appropriate health and school officials as well as to the Attorney General's Office.

All exemptions must be completed within the first 30 days upon entering a school or daycare and shall be

maintained as part of the child's permanent school record. In the presence of an outbreak, children who have been granted a medical or religious exemption shall be excluded from attendance for a period of time determined by the State Health Officer or County Health Officer.

The rules and forms can be downloaded from <http://www.health.wyo.gov/familyhealth/immunization/schools.html>. Completed forms may be returned to a local county Public Health Nursing office or mailed to the Immunization Section.



Questions about the immunization exemption process should be directed towards Kathy Strang, Vaccine Exemption Specialist with the Immunization Section, at 307-777-



CDC Technical Assistance Site Visit

By Jan Bloom, M.S., Immunization Section Chief

The Immunization Section hosted our CDC Project Officer, Lewis Anderson, in May 2010 for a technical assistance site visit. During the site visit, Mr. Anderson had an opportunity to visit with Dr. Sherard and visit a few of our providers' offices.

During his visit with Dr. Sherard, Mr. Anderson congratulated Dr. Sherard for the Immunization Section's successful implementation of the "Vaccines for Uninsured Adults" pilot project as well as their implementation of the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine distribution campaign. The Immunization Section distributed more than 1,800 doses of vaccine between September 2009 and April 2010 for uninsured adults to participating providers. In addition, the

Immunization Section distributed approximately 170,000 doses of the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine between October 2009 and January 2010.

During Mr. Anderson's visit to Wyoming, Mr. Anderson, Jan Bloom and Robert Grenwelge, CDC Public Health Advisor assigned to the Immunization Section, visited the Platte and Goshen County Public Health Nursing offices. Both offices were very gracious hosts and provided an enlightening overview of immunization

access and practices in "frontier" counties in Wyoming.

In addition, during the technical assistance site visit, Mr. Anderson accompanied Diana Martin, R.N., Clinical Quality & Compliance Specialist, on a site visit to Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department. He also accompanied Joanna Briggs, R.N., Clinical/Quality & Compliance Coordinator, on a site visit to Western Family Medical Practice in Casper, Wyoming.

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National Immunization Survey Data

By Diana L. Martin, RN, MS, Clinical Quality & Compliance Specialist

Throughout provider immunization site visits conducted this year, outreach specialists are frequently asked, "How am I doing compared to others?" According to the U.S. National Immunization Survey Q3/08–Q2/09, Among 19–35 Months of Age, Estimated Vaccination Coverage we have some room for improvement.

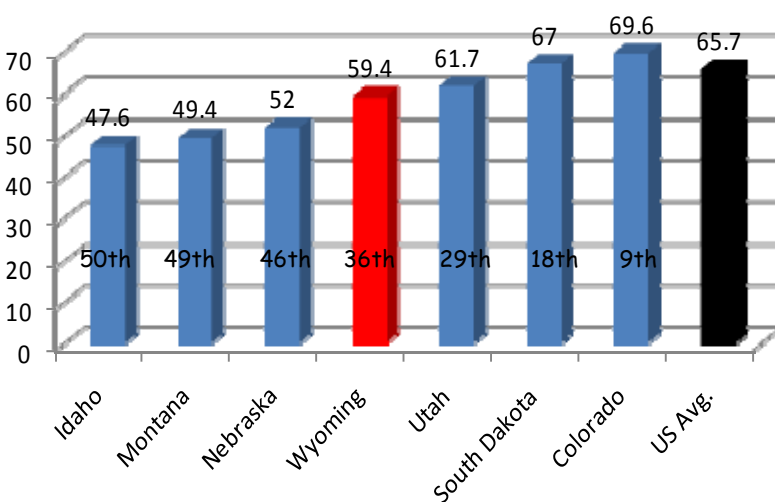
The graph below shows how we compared to our bordering neighbors with compliance with the antigens in the *4

-3-1-3-3-1-4 series. The number on the individual bar represents where the state ranked out of the 50 states (A higher number is better for the percentage of coverage and, rankings). Wyoming ranked 36th out of 50, with a coverage rate of 59.4%. This was below the US average of 65.7%.

For additional information, please refer to: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/stats-surv/nis/data/tables_0809.htm

*4-3-1-3-3-1-4 refers to completion of all doses in the series:

4 DTAP • 3 Polio • 1 MMR • 3 Hib • 3 Hep-B 3 Dose • 1 Varicella • 4 PCV.



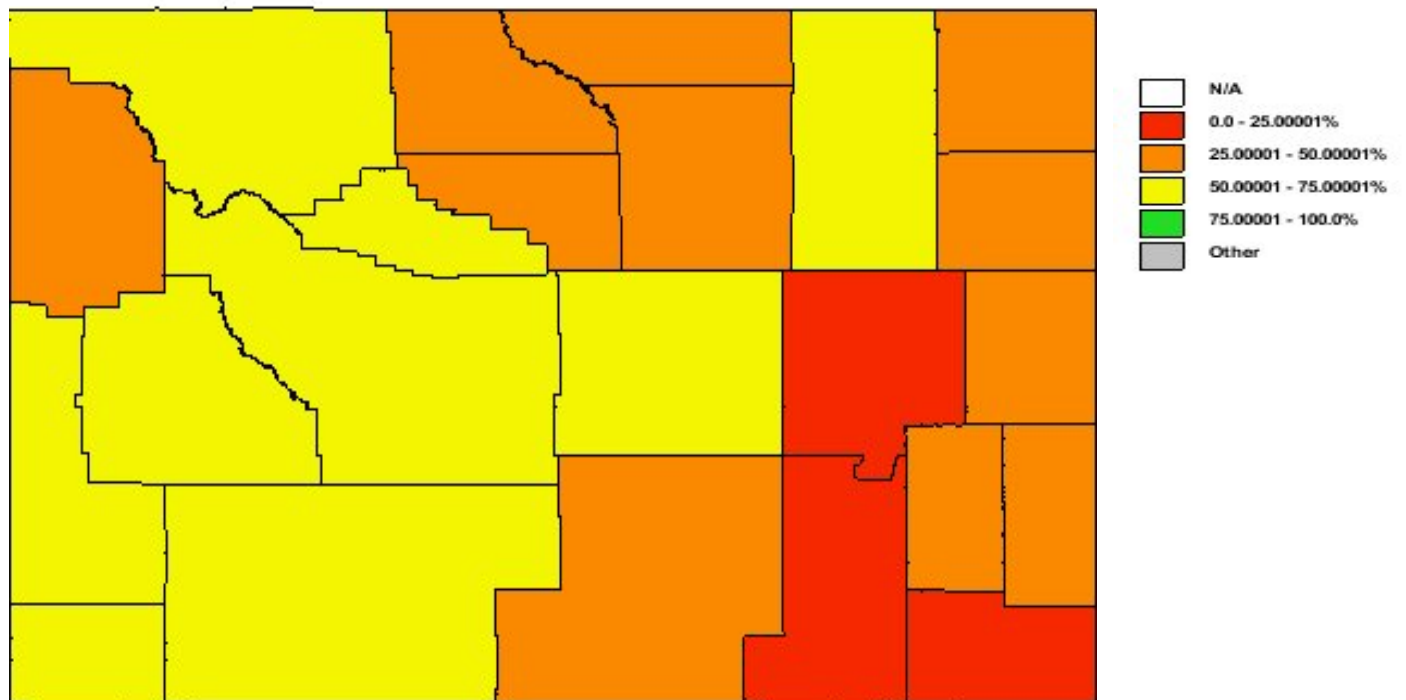


4-3-1-3-3-1-4 Rates by Wyoming Counties (*2009 Data)

By John Anderson, MA, Immunization Registry Program Coordinator

How did you do in 2009?

Do you have quality improvement goals to help get you to the goal of >90%?



Uinta (106/157)	68%	Sublette (46/86)	53%	Big Horn (38/79)	48%
Hot Springs (6/9)	67%	Sweetwater (205/389)	53%	Carbon (56/118)	47%
Campbell (243/367)	66%	Lincoln (44/85)	52%	Johnson (12/26)	46%
Park (91/139)	65%	Natrona (224/441)	51%	Goshen (36/82)	44%
Fremont (157/263)	60%	Crook (22/44)	50%	Washakie (30/73)	41%

Teton (80/203)	39%	Sheridan (17/61)	28%	Albany (7/91)	8%
Platte (23/60)	38%	Niobrara (3/11)	27%		
		Weston (5/19)	26%		
		Converse (23/93)	25%		
		Laramie (117/503)	23%		

*Additional Information:

- 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 Data has been extracted from the WyIR with the age range of 24-35 months, with compliance by 36 months, as of 12/31/09.
- There was an "Undefined" County that represented 30% positive coverage (1021/3408)
- Total Rate for the State: 38% (2612/6812)
- 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 equals all doses in the series are complete: 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 HIB, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella and 4 Pneumococcal
- 2010 UPDATE: Assessments completed as 08/06/10, including registry users and non-registry users, the State of Wyoming's 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 rate is up to 49.11% (4,236 Charts) - WAY TO GO!

Schedule of Events

- 09/02/10: Monthly Reports Due to the Immunization Section
- 09/06/10: State Holiday
- **09/15/10: 12:15 p.m. Monthly Teleconference.** Call in Number: 877-278-8686. Participant ID: 309491
- Reminder: Temperatures should be checked every weekday except for state holidays. If offices are planning to take an extended weekend, it's important that staff is there to check the temps Monday through Friday except for state holidays. Please plan accordingly.
- Flu Update: The Vaccine Program expects flu to begin shipping in September to providers who pre-booked their flu orders. We will alert providers prior to placing the flu orders.

September, 2010 Important Dates to Remember

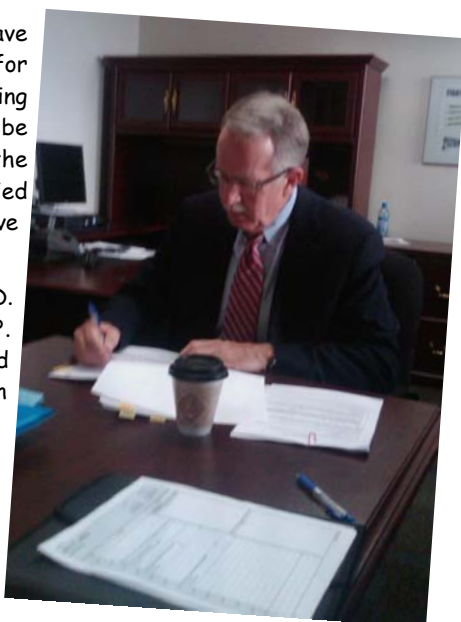
			September 1	2 Monthly Logs/Reports Due	3	4
5	6 State Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 12:15 Monthly Teleconfer- ence	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	October 1	2
3	4 Monthly Logs/Reports Due	5	6	7	8	9

Caption Time!

As space permits, we would love to have your humorous (but clean) comments for the caption for fun photos. The winning caption (with acknowledgements) will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter. The winner will be notified by e-mail by the editor and will receive a small prize!

This month's photo is of Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P. Department of Health Director and State Health Officer. The caption should be what is he doing or thinking.

Please send your fun caption ideas to: Diana.Martin@health.wyo.gov with the words AUGUST NEWSLETTER CAPTION in the subject field.



School Rules Update:

- As of 08/12/10, the proposed school rules have not been officially approved.
- Providers and schools should continue to operate under the current school rules until they receive information that the new rules are in effect.
- Once the rules go into effect, will the clinic/office have enough **varicella** to ensure that **all children (Grades K-12)** in the community can obtain their **second varicella dose**?
- Once the rules go into effect, will the clinic/office have enough **Tdap** to ensure that all **7th Grade children** in the community can obtain **one dose** of the vaccine?
- For additional information about the proposed changes, please visit the immunization website at: www.immunizewyoming.com

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Vaccine Information Statements Provider Responsibilities

The legal mandate, as stated in the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, is that providers must:

- Give the appropriate VIS to the recipient or to the recipient's parent or legal representative with each dose of vaccine,
- Give it prior to administration of the vaccine,
- Give it each time the vaccine is given (not just with the first dose), and
- Record certain information in the patient's permanent medical record.

Within the context of this mandate, and given the variety of ways a VIS can be offered:

1. Always give the patient or parent a copy of the appropriate VIS to read *during the immunization visit*, and a copy (either paper or electronic) to take home. Always

offer the patient an opportunity to ask questions.

2. The patient may be offered a permanent (e.g., laminated) copy of the VIS to read during the immunization visit (instead of their own paper copy), or may be directed to the appropriate VIS on an office computer.

3. Always encourage the patient to take a copy of each appropriate VIS home when they leave the office. This is because some information can be useful later.

4. Record the required information on the patient's medical record or on a permanent office log (the record should be both permanent and accessible):

- The edition date of the VIS (found on the back in either

Current Vaccine Information Statement Dates:

Do you have the most current VIS in your office?

Multiple Vaccines: 9/18/08

DTaP: 5/17/07

Hepatitis A: 3/21/06

Hepatitis B: 7/18/07

Hib: 12/16/98

HPV: 3/30/10

2010 Seasonal Influenza: 08/10/10

MMR: 3/13/08

Meningococcal: 1/28/08

Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13): 4/16/10

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23): 10/06/09

Polio: 1/01/00

Rotavirus: 5/14/10

Shingles (herpes zoster): 10/6/09

Td/Tdap: 11/18/08

Varicella (chickenpox): 3/13/08



the left or right bottom corner).

- The date the VIS is provided (i.e., the date of the visit when the vaccine is administered).
- The name, address (office address) and title of the person who administers the vaccine.
- The date the vaccine is administered.
- The vaccine manufacturer and lot number.

For additional information please see <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/vis-facts.htm>

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